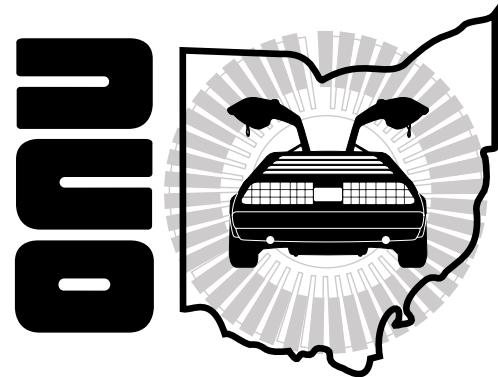


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(DELOREAN SHOW 2000)



DeLorean Club of Ohio

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The DeLorean Club of Ohio was formed to give DeLorean enthusiasts in the Ohio Valley and Lake Erie region an organization in which to interact and socialize. Membership is open to anyone who has any interest in the DeLorean marque. The DCO holds at least one meeting per year in January. Other meetings and functions are on an ad hoc basis. Please contact any of the officers below for more information:

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I WANT YOU!

THE DELOREAN CAR SHOW NEEDS YOUR HELP!

(or Two Extra Reasons to Come to the DCO's Annual Meeting).

As you may remember, poor Ken Koncelik was overwhelmed at 1998's DeLorean Car Show in Cincinnati. A production like that takes a lot of work, and Ken only asked for help from a handful of people.



Because this year's show should be bigger and better, Ken will need even more help from us Ohioans. He needs volunteers for everything from registrations to hospitality suite hosts. To find out how you might become an important part of the biggest DeLorean event ever, come to the annual meeting and offer Ken your assistance.

Our annual meeting is important to the Car Show for another reason. At the 1998 meeting, many of our members preregistered for the Cincinnati Car Show. These early preregistrations were very important to Ken, showing our commitment and infusing the project with cash to make deposits on the facilities. Please come to this year's DCO meeting in February, and be prepared to preregister at that time.

Of course the annual meeting is important for other reasons, such as planning our activities for the year 2000. The fact that such an exciting event is coming to Ohio this June simply makes it more important than ever!



THE BARE SS TRUTH

-MIKE SUBSTELNY

1999 certainly was a fun year for the DCO. Roscoe Village was a great place to get together in a quaint setting and be pampered by good service. The Mid-Ohio Raceway event was wonderful, with the parade lap around the track as just one part of the fun. The Put-In-Bay event, including a clambake, a parade, and a car show, may have been the best of all, giving us a unique chance to take our DeLoreans across the water. Some of us even made it to Saint Louis for the DOA's annual Expo, where we all had a great time.

2000 might be the most important year the DCO will ever have. This June Ken Koncelik is holding his DeLorean Car Show here in Ohio, and he plans to make it bigger and better than ever. If he exceeds his 1998 Cincinnati event by even a moderate amount, this will be the largest gathering of DeLoreans since the cars were brand new. This will put a very bright spotlight on our cars. Just as it did in 1998, the show will also feature technical seminars and other activities intended to enhance our enjoyment of our DeLoreans.

Please come to the DCO's annual meeting (Feb. 19 in Steubenville) and find out how you can help the DeLorean Car Show live up to its potential.

Of course the DCO will have other activities in 2000. Perhaps we will finally visit Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, King's Island, Cedar Point or some other Ohio attraction. The annual meeting is where we discuss these plans, so please come to give your input. If you cannot make it but you have a suggestion please give me a call.



DeLoreans landing on Put-n-Bay.



Wayne Lluoma with his DeLorean (& beverage) at Put-n-Bay.

TREASURER REPORT

BY JILL LUOMA

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Check# 513- Pins	-----	14.44
Account fees-7,8,9,10,11-99	---	(20.00)
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Balance 12-19-99	-----	934.32

2000 DCO MEETING & PARTY

... to be Held at Welsh Jaguar Classic Car Museum and Jaggin' Around Restaurant & Pub Steubenville, OH. Saturday, February 19

The DCO has a wonderful location lined up for our year 2000 annual meeting. Situated in scenic Steubenville, Ohio, the Welsh Jaguar Classic Car Museum and Jaggin' Around Restaurant & Pub is a car museum, a restaurant, and a pub all rolled into one! As usual, this will give us an opportunity to both conduct our business and have a good time.

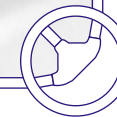
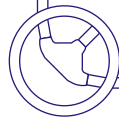
The museum will be open from noon to 6 P.M. We will gather at the museum between noon and 1:00. We have a dining room reserved exclusively for us from 2:00 to 4:00 (mention Patti Substelnny or the DeLorean Club of Ohio). We will order lunch from the regular menu and conduct our business during this time. The rest of the day we are free to roam the museum, have a few drinks in the pub, or see Steubenville.

The museum/restaurant building is in downtown Steubenville, at the corner of 5th and Washington. The museum's collection represents founder William Welsh's celebration of the "Glory Days of the Jaguar" featuring XKs and XKEs. DeLorean enthusiasts might be particularly interested in the 1955 300 SL Mercedes Gull Wing coupe. The museum also has a collection of Muscle Cars and boasts an abundance of automobile memorabilia.

Steubenville sits quietly beside the Ohio river, near the point where Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia come together. Known around the world as "The City of Murals," Steubenville is famous for the dozens of large and colorful paintings that decorate the exteriors of its buildings. The murals are as large as 341 feet across, and a tour to view them all can take several hours. Mural maps and even guided tour are available in town. You might want to come to town early ... and bring your camera!

To reach Steubenville from most points in Ohio, you can take Rt. 43/22 east until you reach Rt. 7, which runs along the Ohio River. Head south on Rt. 7 and exit at Washington (Rt. 43). The museum is a few blocks west of the River, at 5th and Washington.

IMPORTANT! Please RSVP to Patti and Mike Substelnny (216) 321-5024 if you plan to attend the meeting. As with last year, we might get bad weather and need to reschedule the meeting. We can only warn you of cancellations if we know you plan on coming.



DCO ENJOYS ISLAND HOSPITALITY

The Put-In-Bay Volunteer Fire Department's annual Clam Bake was one of the highlights of the year for the DCO. It was four events in one!

The afternoon we arrived, we displayed our cars along the main road through town (the show was actually for Corvettes, but the DeLoreans got all the attention). Later that afternoon we went to the fire station for a delicious (and generous!) clam bake. That evening we wandered around the legendary Put-In-Bay bar scene. After spending the night a The Birds Nest, we drove our DeLoreans in a parade!

This was a very popular event and everyone had a great time. We are sure to do this one again in the future!



Lined up along Lake Erie . . . what a beautiful day for a car show!



DeLoreans ride the waves, some for the first time since they came to America.



Montie & Amy Keaton enjoying Put-n-Bay.



Ginny & Penny at the Put-n-Bay Car Show



In the Background, Perry's Victory Monument commemorates the Battle of Lake Erie during the War of 1812.



DeLoreans lined up outside the fire station

DCO INVITED TO FOSTORIA GLASS HERITAGE FESTIVAL:

Tri-County Cruisers, 126 W. Sixth St., Fostoria, OH 44830
#419-435-1669 #419-435-7040

Dear DeLorean Club of Ohio,

I am writing to invite your car club to our car show.

The Tri-County Cruiser host the car show during the FOSTORIA GLASS HERITAGE FESTIVAL in downtown Fostoria, Ohio. Our car show will be July 15, 2000 from 9:00AM to 3:00PM.

We sure hope you can come. We would like to have your car club to come. We would like a response by February 1, 2000. So we can print it on our flyer that you will be there. Here is a copy of last years car show to show what we have going on during the show.

Sincerely,
Co. Pres. Fred DeMars
Co. Pres. Jerry Weikert

FLYER CONTENT:

Fostoria Glass Heritage Festival Car Show
Saturday July 15, 2000 – Downtown Fostoria, Ohio
KeyBank Parking Lot Adjacent to Routes 199 and 23

Registration 9:00AM to 12:00 Noon – Judging startig at 12:00 Noon

Open to Cars & Trucks – Antique & Original-Pre-1990 – Modified & Sports-All Years

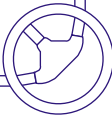
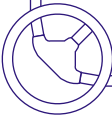
Registration-\$7.00 – Awards for top 60 entries – SPECIAL AWARDSTo be presented at 3:00PM – Plaques for first 150 entries – 50/50 Drawing will be held

ENTERTAINMENT FOR ALL OF THE FAMILY: Crafts-Antiques-Glass Display - Games for Kids – Art Displays – Food Cook Off – Food Concessions – Music by DJ

No Alcoholic beverages Allowed – Not Responsible for Accidents



A flock of gulls parked outside The Birds Nest.



THE BIGGEST DELOREAN SHOW OF THE 20TH CENTURY AND 2ND MILLENNIUM!

TALKING UP THE DELOREAN CAR SHOW 2000 IN CLEVELAND

- BY MIKE SUBSTELNY

In six months, our 'British Invasion' comes to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum. On this second time out, Ken Koncelik's DeLorean Car Show looks to be even bigger and better than his first one. Most of our members are already aware that the Car Show will be in Cleveland June 15-18 of 2000. In case you had not heard, the outdoor display of cars should be between the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and Museum and the Great Lakes Science Center. This is probably the most prominent piece of real estate between New York and Chicago and it is sure to draw a lot of attention from car enthusiasts and the media. Ken welcomes all DeLoreans for display, and has judging categories for daily drivers. In 1998 a few examples of related cars were displayed, including Bricklin, Lotus, and GTO specimens.

This year's activities include Friday dinner at the Crawford Auto-Aviation Museum (home of the first production DeLorean and the famous stainless steel car collection) and Saturday dinner at the Science Center. Once again there will be tech seminars, live music, and a vendor's room.

Thursday evening you can get acquainted with Cleveland when the group goes out to dinner in The Flats. We will make reservations for everyone who wants to join us for a casual dinner at Shooters. Friday offers you the choice of exploring Cleveland's Museums in depth on your own, or taking our special driving tour and road rally (see other article) if you prefer to spend the day with your DeLorean. Whichever you choose, your Friday will end with a catered banquet at the Crawford Auto-Aviation Museum.

Your Saturday will be much as it was in Cincinnati, except that this time the hotel is much closer. You may display your DeLorean all day outside the Rock Hall and Science Center. If you like you may acquire discount tickets to visit these museums through Ken. The mechanically inclined may wish to visit the Mather steamship and Cod submarine museums, which are in the same area.

There will also be some activities in the Hotel, including a hospitality suite. This time the Hotel is the Holiday Inn Lakeside, which is within easy walking distance of the main events at the Rock Hall and Science Center. It is also very close to Cleveland's finest shopping areas and many other non automotive attractions. Detailed maps and directions will be provided, so everyone should have an easy time finding everything.

Ken's goal is to have nothing less than the biggest DeLorean event in history!

DRIVING TOUR / ROAD RALLYE IN CLEVELAND

In order to encourage people to bring their daily driver DeLoreans to the show in June, Patti and Mike Substelnny are putting together a Driving Tour / Road Rallye. They will need some help, both in testing the directions beforehand and in making sure everything runs smoothly while it is underway.

The working title is "The Nobody Gets Lost Driving Tour and Rock & Roll Road Rallye." It will take participants through some of Cleveland's most scenic areas and give them a little information about the area and its history.

The concept works like this: Every participating car will get a map of the whole route, a set of detailed directions, and a cassette tape. They will play the tape as they drive, and it will point out scenery highlights and help guide them on the route. We got the idea from Jan Otremsky, who enjoyed a similar event with the Mercedes club.

We hope it will be impossible to get lost.

Anyone who wants to compete in the road rallye will drive the same route with the same directions. The difference is that rallye competitors will be given a list of Rock & Roll related landmarks to find along the way. Whoever locates the most landmarks wins the competition.

Some time in May we will need to test the maps and directions to make sure that everyone will be able to find their way. For this task we would like a few brave volunteers who do not know their way around Cleveland. If enough people are interested, we might even make this one of the DCO's events for the year. Come to the annual meeting to discuss it.

FOURTH STAINLESS CAR NOW ON DISPLAY AT THE CRAWFORD MUSEUM

- BY MIKE SUBSTELNY

Recent readers of DeLorean World might remember an article I wrote last year (issue 16.1) about the Crawford Auto-Aviation Museum here in Cleveland. Not only does the Crawford's collection contain the first production DeLorean (VIN 500) with 6 miles on its odometer, it also contains a stainless 1936 Ford coupe and a stainless 1967 Lincoln Continental. Undoubtedly the Crawford has the world's best collection of stainless cars.

My DeLorean World article mentions production of pre-DeLorean stainless cars as: six 1936 Ford Coupes, two 1960 Ford Thunderbirds, and three 1967 Lincoln Continentals. Over the years Allegheny Ludlum made all of these cars in conjunction with Ford Motor Company to promote the benefits of stainless steel. To date, John Z. DeLorean is the only carmaker to follow their example in a production model.

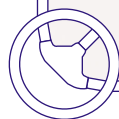
When I wrote the article, two of the three Lincolns and both of the Thunderbirds were in storage in an Allegheny Ludlum warehouse. Except for those two Thunderbirds, all of these important stainless cars were represented in the Crawford's collection.

Yesterday, Patti and I visited the Crawford doing a bit of research for Ken's show. While we were there, museum workers rolled in one of the stainless Thunderbirds! They placed it prominently on the main banquet floor, right where we will have dinner in June.

Assuming the Crawford chooses to display them all, this June will be your chance to see all of these stainless cars in one place. Be sure to make it to Friday night's banquet!



**2001 starts a new century and a new millennium.
Make the transition memorable at D2K in Cleveland!**



FIVE YEAR COOLANTS SHOULD BE OKAY FOR DELOREANS
- MIKE SUBSTELNY

As long as I have been a member of the DeLorean community I have been alarmed at the number of problems people experience with the cooling systems. Radiators, hoses, and water pumps seem to die prematurely. Part of this is certainly due to the way the radiator is constructed, but I suspect that another part is due to the fact that many DeLorean owners do not change their coolant often enough.

The chemistry of normal green coolants does change acidity when exposed to aluminum for long periods, even when the car is not driven. As the change takes place the coolant will attack the aluminum and cause damage. Most cars have aluminum radiators and heater cores but iron engines. In addition to all that aluminum the DeLorean has an aluminum engine as well as many other aluminum parts, which increases the rate of chemical change.

Knowing this, I change my DeLorean's coolant ant least every other year. When I went to the store to purchase coolant in 1999, a salesman tried to convince me to buy the new red coolant. He said it was the best way to care for my cherished car.

Always leery of salemen, and unconvinced by the explanation on the Prestone label, I left without buying anything. I did, however, jot down Prestone's technical question telephone number. The next day I called and spoke to a technician.

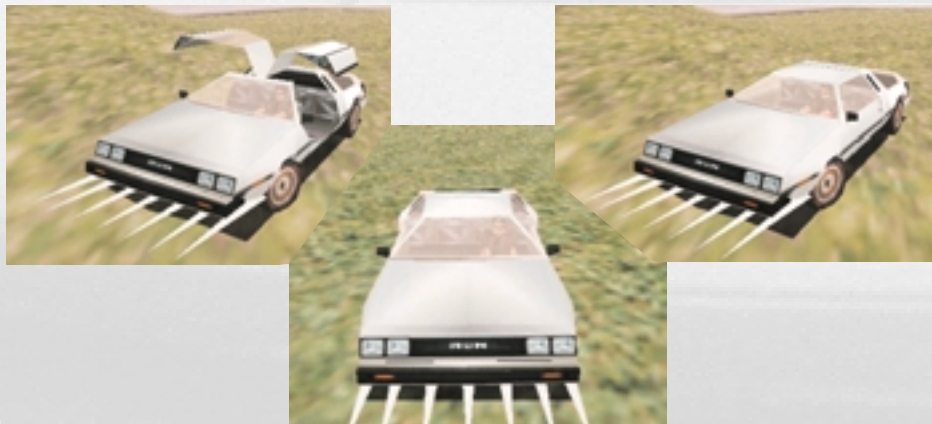
The technician told me that the new coolants (several brands are available) are much more stable in aluminum than the old coolants. She assured me that I could leave it in my aluminum-engined DeLorean for five years without any chemical related damage. However, to get the benefits I had to flush out every drop of the old coolant.

The price of a gallon of the orange colored stuff is about \$1 more than the old green stuff, so I decided to try it. The only testimony I can give right now is based on the claims of the Prestone technician and the guarantee on the jug. If you really want to know if the orange stuff works, ask me in 2004.



DELOREAN IN A VIDEO GAME

The recent video game Carmageddon II: Carpocalypse Now by Stainless Software Ltd. allows players to drive a DeLorean. Jan van de Wouw of The Netherlands sent us this screen shot he took while playing the game. Note the humorous RUN logo in place of the normal DMC. Jan points out that the details of the DeLorean are very accurate, right down to the red and amber courtesy lights that come on when the gullwing doors are opened.



WAS THE 85 MPH SPEEDOMETER A DELOREAN PECULIARITY?

Younger DCO members and curious gawkers alike often ask about the DeLorean's stock speedometer, which tops out at 85 miles per hour. Does this really indicate the car's top speed? Is the DeLorean the only car that was so equipped?

The answer to both questions is no. As of 1980, all cars sold in America, even Corvettes, were to have their speedometers limited to 85 MPH. The intention of this was to get leadfoot drivers to slow down on American highways, theoretically saving lives and conserving fuel. One common rumor of the time was that if any car exceeded 85 MPH its speedometer would break. Perhaps it was true for some cars, but not for DeLoreans. While some DeLorean speedo components are prone to failure, this has nothing to do with the 85 MPH speed.

The duration of the 85 MPH speedometer experiment was brief, but by sheer coincidence all DeLoreans happen to have been made during that period. Several DeLorean parts suppliers sell speedometer faces that appear original and better reflect the DeLorean's sports car performance.

TV SHOW MY CLASSIC CAR NOW IN SYNDICATION, BUT HARDLY SEEN IN OHIO

Ohio fans of the TV show My Classic Car on The Nashville Network may wonder why all the current episodes seem to be reruns from earlier years. The show, which has been known to feature DeLoreans on occasion, has not gone out of production. It has gone into syndication with the new name Hemmings My Classic Car. As of January it will be shown on 50 or more local TV stations around the country.

According to information provided by the My Classic Car website, the only Ohio station to pick up the new show is WUCT in Dayton. Stations close to the Ohio border which plan to carry Hemmings My Classic Car include WBGN in Pittsburgh and W68CH in Detroit.

Hemmings My Classic Car will also be shown nationally on the Speedvision cable channel. The Speedvision channel has programming geared toward people who love automobiles, boats, and airplanes. Unfortunately it is not available on most cable systems.

Would you like Hemmings My Classic Car to be shown throughout Ohio? Their press release suggests contacting our local television stations and cable providers:

"We hope local and regional car clubs will organize a telephone or letter-writing campaign to demonstrate the potentially large viewing audience," said Dennis Gage, host of My Classic Car.

"The interest that people have in the automotive hobby is not equal to the automotive-related television programming available, and the program directors at local stations need to be reminded of that."

Should the DCO be involved in a telephone or letter writing campaign? This will be one topic for discussion at our upcoming meeting. If you have never seen the show, you may tune in to The Nashville Network Saturdays at 3:30 pm, Sundays at 1:30 pm, or Mondays at 2:30 to see the reruns and to form your own opinion.

**TWO DELOREAN TV SHOWS PRESENTED!
TWO DELOREAN MOVIES IN THE WORKS!**
- MIKE SUBSTELNY

During this past Fall, both E! and the History Channel presented DeLorean documentaries. The History Channel included the DeLorean with The Spruce Goose in an edition of their show 'History's Greatest Blunders' which was fairly accurate. It was thin on content but it presented the DeLorean car in a favorable light and placed blame for its failure on the British Government. E! Channel's 'True Hollywood Story' did an hour-long segment on John Z. DeLorean with content very similar to DeLorean's autobiography (i.e. favorable to Mr. DeLorean). It included more information than The History Channel's show, but it did not try to place blame.

Both programs are sure to be rebroadcast, but if someone is in a hurry to see them you can drop by our house and Patti and I will play the tapes for you. If people are interested, perhaps these could be entertainment at our annual meeting or some other function.

In that wake of these television shows, two movies about the DeLorean saga are now in the works:

Room 501, an independent production, will tell the story through the eyes of DEA Agent Gerald Scotti. It will show us how the U.S. government trapped John Z. DeLorean and later acquitted him of wrongdoing. More information is available at their web site, room501.com. According to information published there, production will begin on June 3rd of 2000.

DeLorean, by Blue Rider pictures, will be a more comprehensive biography of John DeLorean. Blue Rider has acquired the rights to Mr. DeLorean's life story, and their website (blueriderpictures.com) lists the movie as 'in development.'

**JUST IN TIME FOR DOA EXPO,
THREE STREETS DISCOVERED
IN VEGAS**

Three streets in the Las Vegas Area have been given names that we should find exciting. They are "DeLorean Circle", "DeLorean Drive", and "Gullwing Lane." Certainly these must be the most prestigious addresses in the state of Nevada!

DeLorean Circle is in Las Vegas itself, loacted near Alexander Rd. & Rainbow Blvd. DeLorean Drive, and Gullwing Lane are both in North Las Vegas, with the two streets coming very close to each other.

You may not be able to find these streets on older printed maps, but you can easily locate them on various internet map services (mapquest, yahoo, zip2, etc.).

Many thanks to Robert Rooney for reporting this via the DeLorean Mailing List, www.dmcnews.com.

**DELOREAN FEATURED IN
YEAR 2000 CALENDARS**

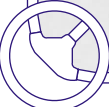
Can't get enough of looking at DeLoreans? We have reports that these year 2000 calendars are just the thing for you!

The Car and Driver 'Dream Cars' page-a-day calendar has the DeLorean as its featured car on February 25. It includes a pictures and descriptive commentary.

The Kragen Auto Supply calendar feature a picture of DCO member James Espey's DeLorean. The good news is it only costs \$1.00 and helps support the Boys and Girls club. The bad news is Kragen has no stores this far east! If you have family or friends out west ask them to pick up a calendar for you while supplies last.



Parade day at Put-n-Bay.



DCO HAS GOOD TURNOUT IN SAINT LOUIS

As usual the DOA set up some great events and we all had a terrific time at the “Oktoberfest” in Saint Louis. The hotel was in a good location, near the freeway yet a short walk from the river and the arch. This was handy, since the first big event was Thursday evening’s riverboat cruise on the Tom Sawyer paddle wheeler. We had a fine dinner and entertainment. Patti Substelny did not run away with all of the raffle prizes, but she did talk the skipper into letting her toot the ship’s whistle.

Ohio was perhaps the best represented state, at least in terms of DeLoreans. We discovered this during Friday’s Wine Country Road Rallye, where Ohio license plates outnumbered those from every other state. The directions were very good, so no one got lost as our DeLoreans cruised the Missouri countryside. We visited the home of Daniel Boone, the first mansion west of the Mississippi, and stopped at two wineries. These stops gave us opportunities to buy some souvenirs, have lunch, and taste some wines. The wines were pretty good, and several DeLoreans left carrying bottles . . . did any make it home to Ohio?

Friday night’s banquet was at the famous Saint Louis Arch. It combined a fine meal with Missouri’s most famous landmark. The view was incredible!

Saturday’s technical seminars, sponsored by our own Dave Bauerle, were informative and entertaining at the same time. Those who chose to compete in DMC Houston’s Millennium Concours (see separate article) were judged meticulously. This year the Concours was held indoors, in the same convention hall as the Products Fair. Against stiff competition, DCO members Ken and Chris Koncelik took third place with their beautifully maintained DeLorean. The Products Fair was one of the biggest in recent memory, with a very wide variety of vendors represented, including the producers of the upcoming movie Room 501.

The climax of the Expo was Saturday night’s banquet. The St. Louis Cardinals’ Fredbird made a surprise appearance. Fredbird clowned around and gave everyone a hard time, including Concours sponsor Stephen Wynne and Banquet sponsor Ed Bernstein. The Californians may not realize it, but you simply cannot throw an Oktoberfest without a polka! That evening, thanks to the DCO contingent, this Oktoberfest got its polka, Ohio style.

After a hearty breakfast in the revolving restaurant at the top of the hotel, we all packed our DeLoreans and headed for home. Word has it that we all made the trip safely.

The 2000 Expo marks the return to Las Vegas. This should be fun and exciting!



Montie & Amy Keaton at the St. Louis arch.



DeLorean World Editor David Knudson, D.O.A. Vice President MaryLou Knudson, DeLorean Owners Directory Keeper Ken Montgomery.



Left to Right: D.O.A. Products Director Marcie Haug, D.O.D. Internet Moderators Dave Swingle, Knut Grimsrud and The “Silver Fox” Don gowler.

WHAT A WAY TO SPEND A DAY!
(JUDGING THE DOA EXPO CONCOURS)
- BY PATTI SUBSTELNY

The Saint Louis morning dawned hazy but bright. A gourmet breakfast awaited the other Concourse Judges and I in the President’s boardroom of the hotel. What better way to start off a challenging day of judging than with stemming hot waffles, sausage and the perfectly flaky croissant. DCO member and Concours Czar James Espey gave us our official judging shirts and the promise of walkie-talkies, both of which were necessary . . . after all we are judges.

When Mike and I first accepted James’ invitation to judge ‘Millennium: The DeLorean Motor Company Concours’ at St. Louis, we did not know what this new adventure would bring. The first encounter we had was the receipt of a large Fed Ex package days before the event containing our judging manuals. Yes, Manuals. As in, an overabundance of details I was going to need to remember. There were pictures, detailed instructions, including appropriate VIN numbers for options. All sorts of information that only the people at DMC Houston could ever find out.

The entire car ride from Cleveland to St. Louis was devoted to reading the sections in the Manual for which Mike and I were responsible. Mike judged undercarriage, I was responsible for exterior. I felt like I was cramming for finals. Now I know the significance of the different decals that may appear on the underside of an open gullwing door . . . do you?

As I made my way to the judging area at the appointed time, I felt the weight of my task. I went about judging with great care and precision, with the full knowledge that I was going to make a few people very happy, but most will go home disappointed.

It took nearly four hours for me to judge my area of just nine DeLoreans, and some of the judges took much longer with their areas of the same cars. Between us, each car got more than two hours of meticulous inspection. All the participants were very cooperative when I asked them to open doors, turn lights on/ off, wipe the rocker panels with a clean white cloth. You know, all the nasty judges’ tricks.

By the end I was exhausted. Between running around the cars, carefully checking everything off, and completing the extensive scoring paperwork, I had a very busy day.

With the exhaustion came a sense of pride, both in my newfound knowledge of DeLorean automobiles, and in the nice people who love these cars. I am grateful to Stephen Wynne, owner of DMC Houston, and James Espey, who organized the judging, for this very special opportunity. If they ask me to judge again I will jump at the chance. What a way to spend a day!



Daniel Boone’s home.



D.O.A. President Linda Porter & Amy Keaton



Rob & Debbie Grady of P.J. Grady.



John & Joan Truscott.



Bob & Ginny Hillman in the St. Louis Arch.



Ohio bunch at a winery.



Dave Bauerle discussed DeLoreans with Jim Brown at the banquet.



The Koncelik family enjoying the St. Louis Arch.



Mike & Patti Substelny with Mike sporting one of his funny faces.

Note from the designer: Please forgive me if you find yourself in a picture and I do not print your names. The DCO is growing fast and it is hard to keep up with all of the new faces.